Laboratories under BIS

1123. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1146 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd December, 2005 and state:

(a) after 4th February, 2004 till date how many laboratories have been set up by Bureau of Indian Standards;

(b) the number of samples collected and tested in these labs so far;

(c) among (b) above, how many samples of soft drinks have been tested; and

(d) what are the findings thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Bureau of Indian Standards has not set up any laboratory of its own after 4.2.2004. In order to aid the testing of samples generated from the product certification activities of BIS, a scheme for recognizing the outside laboratories is in operation. In the field of Packaged Drinking Water/Packaged Natural Mineral Water so far twenty laboratories have been recognized by BIS.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

Treatment of accident victims

1124. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether private hospitals do not provide medical care to patients who seek emergency treatment;

(b) whether it is mandatory for private hospitals to provide emergency treatment to patients/accident victims who are brought to their hospitals and if not whether there is any proposal to make it mandatory;

(c) the details of Government and private hospitals in Delhi/New Delhi and how many accident victims were brought in these hospitals during the last two years and how many of them were shifted to other hospitals and how many of them died; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to educate doctors and people about the Golden Hour Principle for the benefit of accident victims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Health being a State subject, it is for the State Government to monitor the functioning of private hospitals. However, section 134 (a) of the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988 already provides that "it shall be the duty of every registered medical practitioner or the doctor on the duty in the hospitals immediately to attend to the injured person and render medical aid or treatment without waiting for any procedural formalities".

(c) Information relating to number of patients refused admission by private hospitals is not being maintained centrally.

(d) Government of India is operating a scheme under which financial assistance up to Rs. 1.50 crore is provided to State Government Hospitals for upgrading their trauma care facilities/availability of ambulances to enable accident victims to get the medical attendance within one hour of the accident.

AIDS in Orissa

†1125. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) total number of people suffering from HIV/AIDS in various parts of the country, especially in the State of Orissa;

(b) extent to which cases of HIV have increased in the State of Orissa due to its proximity to Andhra Pradesh during the last two years; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government for creating awareness among people, especially in backward regions of Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) 1,60,193 AIDS cases have been reported to NACO by the State Health Authorities since 1993 up to the end of October 2006, of which 806 cases have been reported from Orissa.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.